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REPORT ON THE STANDARD BASIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNICEF AND GOVERNMENTS

Corrigendum

1. Paragraph 17

The last sentence should read

Once the Board has noted the standard Agreement, the secretariat will use it in negotiations with Governments with which UNICEF cooperates in programmes, with a view to replacing existing agreements, as and when this is mutually agreed by the concerned Government and UNICEF.

2. After paragraph 24, add the following

Additional comments and suggestions

25. In the informal consultations conducted with members of the Executive Board on the standard Basic Cooperation Agreement (E/ICEF/1992/L.2), one delegation suggested that: (a) in article VII(4), line 2, the word "shall" should be replaced by the words "will, to the extent possible," and (b) at the end of subparagraph 3 (a) of article XIII, the words "applicable to members of diplomatic missions of comparable ranks" should be added.

26. Another delegation suggested that: (a) at the end of paragraph 1 of article VIII, the words "under applicable law" should be added; and (b) paragraph 2 of the same article should read as follows:

"2. Patent rights, copyrights and other similar intellectual property rights in any discoveries, inventions or works under paragraph 1 of this article resulting from programmes in which UNICEF cooperates may be made freely available by either Party to the Government, to UNICEF or other Governments with which UNICEF cooperates for their use and exploitation in programmes."

The same delegation also suggested that in article XII, the word "shall" in the third and fifth lines should be replaced by the word "may" or, alternatively, that the entire article be replaced by the following text:

"The Government undertakes to exert its best efforts to provide exemptions from all customs, duties, prohibitions and restrictions on any materials imported or exported by UNICEF or by national bodies duly authorized by UNICEF to act on its behalf, in connection with the established purposes and objectives of the UNICEF Greeting Card Operation. The Government also undertakes to use its best efforts to provide exemption from national and local taxes on the sale of such materials."